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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT

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Characteristics Across Borders



- Low lying coastal community
- Tourist-based economy
- Natural resources of national significance
 - Everglades ecosystem
 - Biscayne National Park
 - Coral reefs including Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- Common airshed, watershed, and climate
- Regional transportation system



Regional Climate
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit

Friday, October 23, 2009





Regional Climate Change Compact Commitments

- **Sections 1-4: Policy Collaboration**
 - Develop current and future joint state and federal policies
 - Urge federal legislation recognizing the unique vulnerabilities of SE FL and potentially designating the region as such
 - Support recommendations for federal climate funding based on vulnerabilities of SE FL
 - Work to secure federal support for regional adaptation projects



Regional Climate Change Compact Commitments

- **Sections 5-6: SE FL Regional Climate Change Action Plan**
 - Commitment of staff and resources to participate in a Regional Climate Team
 - Development of a Regional Climate Change Action Plan
 - Collection of regional baseline information
 - Development of regional mitigation strategies
 - Development of regional adaptation strategies



Regional Climate Change Compact Commitments

- **Section 7**
 - **Host the SE FL Regional Climate Leadership Summit in October 2010**
 - Review new science and solutions
 - Report on Compact progress





Next Steps

- Share and coordinate approved state/federal legislative positions
- Finalize joint federal Legislative Proposal to fund regional adaptation planning project (\$15M)
- Continue coordination on the Compact implementation strategy
 - 4 Counties with support from SFWMD
- Establish Regional Climate Team to develop the Regional Climate Action Plan

Cooperative planning for adaptation must start today

High Tide on
9/17/09

8 inches
higher than
normal

The tide
breached the
seawall on
Las Olas Isles

